



PATENT

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. MBHB03-1070 (400/139))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)		
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McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)		
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Serial No. 10/727,780)	Examiner:	To Be Assigned
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Filed: December 3, 2003)	Group Art Unit:	To Be Assigned
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USING DUPLEX FORMING)		
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES)		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered in the above-mentioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-1249.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.